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Health Insurance Affordability Assistance for Californians: Options and Funding

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Speaker Biographies

Peter Lee, *Executive Director*, Covered California

Peter V. Lee, is the Executive Director of Covered California, overseeing all aspects of the largest state-run individual marketplace in the nation since its inception in 2011. Before joining the Covered California, Mr. Lee served in the Obama Administration at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, where he helped establish the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation. Prior to that role, he was the Director of Delivery System Reform for the Office of Health Reform for Health and Human Services. Before joining the Obama Administration, Mr. Lee led the Pacific Business Group on Health (PBGH), one of the premier coalitions of private and public purchasers in the nation, first as CEO and then as the Executive Director of National Health Policy. Prior to PBGH, Mr. Lee was the Executive Director of the Center for Health Care Rights, a consumer advocacy organization based in Los Angeles and was an attorney in private practice. In the 1980s, he worked on health care issues in Washington, DC, including serving as the Director of Programs for the National AIDS Network from 1987 to 1990. Mr. Lee received his law degree from the University of Southern California and his undergraduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley. He has served on a range of boards and commissions, including the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA); the National Quality Forum; the National Business Coalition on Health; co-chair of the Consumer/Purchaser Disclosure Project, as well as numerous national and statewide bodies including the Institute of Medicine's "Crossing the Quality Chasm" Summit Committee and the State of California's Managed Health Care Improvement Task Force.\

Laurel Lucia, *Health Care Program Director*, UC Berkeley Labor Center

Laurel Lucia is director of the Health Care Program at the Labor Center, where she has worked since 2009 analyzing health care policy. Recent papers have examined the remaining uninsured in California, health insurance for California immigrants, affordability of individual market insurance, and the health coverage and economic impacts of Affordable Care Act repeal on California. Her work has been covered in the Los Angeles Times, the Atlantic, and National Public Radio. Previously, Laurel worked on issues affecting health care workers as a researcher/policy analyst for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). Laurel received a Master of Public Policy from UC Berkeley in 2005.

Ryan Woolsey, *Principal Fiscal and Policy Analyst*, Legislative Analyst Office

Ryan Woolsey currently covers health policy at the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), focusing on issues related to Covered California (the state's health benefits exchange), managed health insurance regulation, Medi-Cal, long-term care, and hospital finance. Prior to his work on health policy, Ryan worked in various other policy areas for the LAO, including human services programs, workplace safety and labor standards enforcement, workers' compensation, workforce development, and unemployment insurance. Ryan has a bachelor's degree in Russian from Brigham Young University and a master's degree in public affairs from Indiana University.